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TAGS: OTIP KMDR TC  
SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: PRESIDENT BUSH'S INAUGURATION

¶1. SUMMARY: LOCAL AND REGIONAL MEDIA COVERED PRESIDENT BUSH'S INAUGURATION EXTENSIVELY AND EXCERPTS FROM HIS SPEECH WERE CARRIED IN ALL LOCAL NEWSPAPERS. AL ARABIYAH AND AL JAZEERA BROADCAST THE INAUGURATION LIVE WITH SIMULTANEOUS ARABIC TRANSLATION, ABU DHABI TV AND DUBAI TV ALSO REPORTED THE SPEECH. EDITORIALS IN THE ARABIC PRESS WERE CRITICAL OF THE SPEECH. "AL KHALEEJ" EDITORIAL NOTED THAT PRESIDENT BUSH STILL HAS WAR ON HIS AGENDA FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. AN EDITORIAL IN "AL BAYAN" POINTED OUT THAT THE FREEDOM THAT PRESIDENT BUSH PROMISED IN HIS SPEECH IS ONLY A PROMISE THAT HE WILL USE MORE POWER TO ACHIEVE HIS GOALS. EDITORIAL IN "AL ITTIHAD" COMMENTED ON PRESIDENT BUSH'S SPEECH IN A VERY POSITIVE ATTITUDE, NOTING THAT THIS COMING PERIOD IS A NEW BEGINNING FOR THE ARAB - AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP. END SUMMARY.

¶2. UNDER THE HEADLINE "WAR ON TYRANNY," "AL BAYAN" EDITORIALIZED 01/22: (ARABIC DAILY, DUBAI-BASED BUSINESS-ORIENTED, CIRCULATION 40,000)

". THIS NEW SLOGAN IS VERY BROAD BECAUSE IT GIVES THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION MANY OPTIONS, STARTING WITH POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC PRESSURES AND ENDING WITH MILITARY ACTIONS; THIS MAY CONCLUDE WITH MANY DANGEROUS RESULTS THAT CAN'T BE PREDICTED. PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, PARTICULARLY PEOPLE OF THIS REGION, WOULD

LIKE TO SEE A NEW AMERICAN APPROACH THAT IS BASED ON REJECTING THE DOUBLE STANDARD, ESPECIALLY IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. WE REALLY THINK THAT THE U.S. SHOULD NOT WASTE ANOTHER 4 YEARS TRYING TO ANSWER THE QUESTION OF 'WHY DO THEY HATE US?' AND SHOULD TRY TO PUT OUT THE FIRES THAT ARE SPREADING IN THE WORLD INSTEAD OF CAUSING WARS ON TYRANNY."

13. UNDER THE HEADLINE "THE PROMISED FREEDOM", "AL KHALEEJ" CRITICIZED PRESIDENT BUSH'S INAUGURAL SPEECH IN ITS EDITORIAL 01/22: (ARABIC DAILY, SHARJAH-BASED, SEMI-OFFICIAL, CIRCULATION 85,000)

" PRESIDENT BUSH'S INAUGURAL MISSIONARY SPEECH WAS FILLED WITH RELIGIOUS ADVICE AND WHOEVER HEARS THE SPEECH EXPECTS THAT THIS PRESIDENT IS SENT TO SPREAD FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY AND THROUGH HIS HANDS THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WILL LIVE IN JUSTICE, SECURITY AND EQUALITY. 'FREEDOM' FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE REGION AND THE WORLD IS PRESIDENT BUSH'S ONLY AGENDA IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS (THIS IS WHAT A PERSON UNDERSTANDS FROM HIS SPEECH), BUT THIS FREEDOM, THAT HAS BEEN TRIED IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ, IS NOT THE FREEDOM THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD AND REGION ARE SEEKING. BUSH WANTS DEMOCRACY, BUT IT IS THE DEMOCRACY THAT SERVES HIS GOAL OF DOMINATING THE WORLD BY AN AMERICAN EMPIRE, AND THIS DEMOCRACY HAS SPECIAL FEATURES THAT ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE FEATURES THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN USED TO SINCE THE FIRST GREEK DEMOCRACY. WE SHOULD NOT FORGET TO MENTION THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE ISRAELI ATTACKS AGAINST JUSTICE, FREEDOM, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS. WE SPEAK LOUDLY TO WARN AGAINST BELIEVING THE PROMISE OF FREEDOM BY PRESIDENT BUSH IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS; THIS IS A PROMISE OF USING POWER AGAINST ARAB RIGHTS AND SOVEREIGNTY AND MAYBE AGAINST THE LAST ARAB PERSON EXISTING."

14. POINTING OUT THAT PRESIDENT BUSH'S INAUGURAL SPEECH NOTES THAT HIS NEXT FOUR YEARS SHOULD BE A NEW BEGINNING IN THE ARAB - AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP, "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIALIZED 01/21: (ARABIC DAILY, ABU DHABI-BASED, SEMI-OFFICIAL, CIRCULATION 75,000)

".WHAT IS CONFIRMED IS THAT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS WILL WITNESS IMPORTANT POSITIVE CHANGES, AND THIS IS A RESULT OF NOT FACING ANY ELECTION PRESSURES THAT ANY U.S. ADMINISTRATION FACES IN ITS FIRST PRESIDENTIAL PERIOD, AND ALSO AS A RESULT OF THE EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL PERIOD. WHAT IS REQUESTED FROM US IS TO BENEFIT FROM ALL THIS, WHICH WILL NOT BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT TRUE WILL, HONEST COOPERATION, AND A REAL INTEREST BY CONCERNED ARAB COUNTRIES. IT IS TIME NOW TO OPEN A NEW PAGE IN THE ARAB - AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP, BUT WHAT THIS PAGE INCLUDES DEPENDS ON WHAT WE(ARABS) GIVE TO OURSELVES FIRST."

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